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In re Application of
Scott Ferguson

Application Number
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ASSISTING FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRMS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Art Unit
3624

Examiner
Daniel S. Felton

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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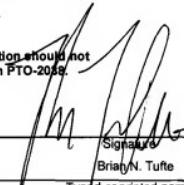
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